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SUBJECT: PHYSICIANS LIST  
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1. CONSULATE S CURRENT LIST INCLUDES ONLY FIVE NAMES, ALL IN KRAKOW ONLY, THESE ARE ALL VERY SENIOR PERSONNEL, SUCH AS THE DEAN OF THE MEDICAL ACADEMY, THE DIRECTOR OF THE AMERICAN CHILDREN S HOSPITAL, OR ONE OF POLAND S MOST FAMOUS CARDIAC SURGEONS. WHILE ALL ARE WILLING TO TREAT CONSULATE PERSONNEL AS A FAVOR TO US, ALL HAVE INDICATED INFORMALLY THEY WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT WISH TO HAVE THEIR NAMES INCLUDED ON ANY LIST WHICH MIGHT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE U.S. TOURIST PUBLIC AT LARGE.

2. WE HAVE FOR SOME TIME BEEN SEEKING TO DEVELOP A MORE COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF DOCTORS, INCLUDING SOME IN OTHER LARGE OUTLYING CITIES AND TOURIST CENTERS, AND HAVE SPOKEN WITH DIRECTORS OF LARGE HOSPITALS HERE AND IN SEVERAL OTHER CITIES, SOLICITING NAMES. PROBLEM IS COMPOUNDED BY TWO FACTORS: FIRST, WE UNDERSTAND RECENT CHANGE IN POLISH REGULATION PROHIBITS PHYSICIANS WHO TEACH-- AND WHO WOULD BULPRIME CANDIDATES SINCE THEY ARE MORE LIKELY TO SPEAK ENGLISH AND TO BE WELL--QUALIFIED --FROM ACCEPTING PRIVATE PATIENTS. SECOND, UNDER CURRENT REGULATIONS A FOREIGN PATIENT MUST FIRST GO TO A DOCTOR, ASCERTAIN LIKELY

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CHARGES, THEN GO TO BANK AND OBTAIN SPECIAL CERTIFICATE SHOWING DOCTOR S FEE HAS BEEN PAID IN HARD CURRENCY TO BANK. IN OTHER WORDS, TECHNICALLY FOREIGN PATIENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO PAY DOCTOR DIRECTLY NOR MAY DOCTOR, TECHNICALLY, TREAT FOREIGN PATIENTS WITHOUT SUCH CERTIFICATE, EXCEPT IN EMERGENCY. THIS LATTER ESPECIALLY HAS ADDED COMPLEXITY TO OUR ATTEMPTS TO WORK UP AN ADEQUATE DOCTOR S LIST, BUT LOCAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION IS NOW

INVESTIGATING, AT OUR REQUEST, WHETHER CERTAIN PHYSICIANS  
COULD BE AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT DIRECT PAYMENT IN HARD CURRENCY,  
AS CERTAIN LAWYERS HERE ARE.

3. FOR PRESENT, ADVICE WE WOULD FURNISH U.S. CITIZENS WITH ME-  
DICAL PROBLEMS HERE IS EITHER (A) MAKE NEEDS KNOWN TO HOTEL MANA-  
GEMENT IF STAYING IN HOTEL, SINCE EACH TOURIST-CATEGORY HOTEL IS  
SUPPOSED TO HAVE A QUALIFIED PHYSICIAN, WITH KNOWLEDGE OF FOREIGN  
LANGUAGES, ON STAFF OR ON CALL. PERSONS NOT STAYING AT HOTELS  
MOGHT ALSO ATTEMPT THIS IN EMERGENCIES. ALTERNATIVELY (B), U.S.  
CITIZENS STAYING WITH RELATIVES HERE WOULD BE ADVISED TO HAVE  
POLISH-SPEAKING RELATIVE CALL LARGEST LOCAL HOSPITAL OR ACCOMPA-  
NY AMCIT TO HOSPITAL. CONSULATE WOULD OF COURSE ALSO PROVIDE  
THIS SERVICE SHOULD NEED ARISE.

4. WE WILL UNDERTAKE TOP PRIORITY PREPARATION OF ADEQUATE PHYSI-  
CIAN S LIST AND FORWARD TO DEPARTMENT WHEN COMPLETED.

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